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Mr. Craig E. Cameron  
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Dear Mr. Cameron:

**REQUEST FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OFFSITE  
DETERMINATION FOR WASTE BOX 233S-01-0039 (BOX 39)**

Reference is made to RL's letter to Doug Sherwood, from M. H. Schlender, Acceptability of Building 233-S Waste in the Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility (ERDF), dated December 20, 2001, that was approved by Mr. Sherwood, on December 26, 2001. 5608

As required by the Removal Action Report for the 233-S Plutonium Concentration Facility (0223-RAR-G0002, Rev. 1) for disposal of waste at facilities other than the ERDF, this letter is to request U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's concurrence that the Low-Level Burial Grounds are an acceptable offsite facility for disposal of Box 39. This is consistent with the referenced letter. Box 39 waste has been designated as follows:

Assigned Waste Codes  
Land Disposal Restrictions  
Radioactive Status

Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976  
None  
Low-Level, NRC Class C, Category 3

Bechtel Hanford, Inc. (BHI) has provided the Low-Level Burial Grounds with chemical and radiological characterization and designation information. Upon their acceptance, BHI will overpack Box 39 into a suitable overpack in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation requirements and ship the waste to the Low-Level Burial Grounds for disposal.

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If you have any questions, please contact Pete Knollmeyer, Assistant Manager for the Central Plateau, on (509) 373-9971, or Harry Bell, Plateau Transition Division, on (509) 376-2347.

Sincerely,



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